OLD HILLS MALVERN HEADLINES

6th & 13th September 2026

Keeping you in touch with your churches across Powick, Callow End, Guarlford and Madresfield with Newland

SERVICES FOR THE COMING PERIOD

SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER

Fourteenth Sunday After Trinity

9.30am Living Communion at Guarlford – **Cancelled**

11.00am Living Communion at Powick

(With Rev Gary Crellin))

Readings:

Ezekiel 33:7-11, Romans 13:8-end. Matthew 18:15-20

Collect:

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

Fifteenth Sunday After Trinity

9.30am Living Communion at Callow End

(With Rev Dr William Rumball)

11.00am Education Sunday Service at Powick

(With Rev Gary Crellin))

11.00am Living Communion at Madresfield – **Cancelled**

Readings (Living Communion):

Genesis 50:15-21, Romans 14:1-12, Matthew 18:21-35

Collect:

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Intercessions for each week will be available to download from the website each Friday.

Midweek Communion – The Orchard Room

10.30-11.30am on 10th and 24th September

LEADING PEOPLE IN PRAYER - A WORKSHOP FOR INTERCESSORS AND THOSE NEW TO INTERCESSING

Date: Wednesday 9th September *– 7.30-9.00pm*
Venue: *St James Church, Upton Road, Callow End*
Please book via oldhillsmalvern@gmail.com

Final call for anyone who is interested in joining this workshop. All the details can be found on the Diocesan website here: https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/calendar/2988

Vicar's Blog - From Savannah to Service!

As I write, summer is finally beginning to loosen its grip. After weeks of sunshine, little rain and temperatures more suited to the Serengeti than Worcestershire, the rain has returned and the temperatures have fallen. For the first time in living memory, I can say this: I went on holiday to get away from the heat! At times, Guarlford churchyard looked ready for a giraffe, while Powick seemed ready to unleash a herd of wildebeest. Our normally green churchyards became convincing versions of the African Savannah. Perhaps the Madresfield rain dancing I heard about for a local dairy farmer worked. I preferred prayer though!

The end of summer is a good moment to notice something more important than the weather: the extraordinary generosity of our church communities. So much happens because people quietly give their time, skills and enthusiasm. Week after week, they clean churches, arrange flowers, check heating, mow churchyards, organise refreshments, read lessons, lead prayers, play music and ensure that worship and life's significant occasions are ready to welcome people. That generosity makes a considerable difference to me too. Ministry is never a one-person job. Because people step forward, the load is shared, and the Church is at its best when everyone discovers something they can offer. St Paul describes the Church as a body in which every part contributes. We need organisers, singers, fixers, welcomers and pray-ers, as well as those who simply notice that something needs doing and get on with it. So, as we move into autumn, I want to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who gives time and energy across our churches. Your service is valued and appreciated.

There is also a special opportunity to come together on Saturday 13 September at 11am at Powick, when, for the first time in a long time, our three church schools will join us for *Education Sunday.* This service will celebrate our schools, their pupils, staff and families, and the important part they play in our communities. I very much hope you can support it.

Generosity takes many forms: cleaning a church, preparing for a baptism or funeral, making someone welcome – or, as you will read elsewhere in this edition, running a marathon in Sydney! Phil Crammond, originally from Colletts Green in Powick but now on secondment to the Australian Army for a few years, could have chosen any number of charities to support. Instead, he chose St Peter's Powick and the Powick Unlocked project in particular. He believes in our vision to make St Peter's a great church again at the heart of the village: cared for, used, loved and able to serve Powick for generations to come. I'm tempted to say we are trying to "make the church great again" – although that may be the closest this Vicar gets to Trumpism! Phil saw something worth believing in and put his considerable effort behind it. For that, and for the generosity of everyone who gives time, money, skills and encouragement to our churches, I am enormously grateful.

From the Savannah of Guarlford and Powick to the streets of Sydney, it has certainly been quite a summer. But as autumn begins, the real cause for celebration is the people who make our churches places of welcome, worship, community and hope. Thank you to every one of you.

Rev Gary

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 9th September – 7.30-9.00pm Intercessors Training at St James', Callow End
Sunday 13th September – 11am Special Education Sunday Service at St Peter's, Powick
Friday 18th September – 7pm English Civil War Talk at St Peter's, Powick
Saturday 19th September – 12am -2pm Soup Lunch at St James', Callow End
Tuesday 27th October – 10am – 4pm Teams4U Shoebox packing at St James', Callow End

YOU'RE INVITED TO

A TALK ABOUT THE ENGLISH CIVIL WAR

Powick

Where England's troubles began and were happily ended

SPEAKER: HOWARD ROBINSON,
A DIRECT DESCENDENT OF OLIVER CROMWELL

FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2026
7PM, POWICK CHURCH (WR2 4QT)

FREE ENTRY **REFRESHMENTS**

DONATIONS WELCOMED TOWARDS THE POWICK CHURCH UNLOCKED PROJECT

SHOEBOXES TEAMS4U

It's that moment again. We are having another get together to make up shoeboxes.

WHO

For a vulnerable child or family that you can support and show your love

WHEN

Tuesday October 27th 10.00am until 4.00pm

WHERE

Callow End Church

WHAT

We collect items together to make up the shoeboxes. Start getting things now and start knitting (hats, mittens, scarves), also toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, soap, pencils, paper, a small toy. Items for a Home box include tea towel, torch, tea lights, plastic mug, scourer, wooden spoon, etc.
Bring a shoebox, Christmas wrapping paper, scissors, Sellotape, elastic band, a contribution of £3.50 is suggested to help with transport, or any contribution that can go into a shoebox.
Drinks and cake will be provided. So come along and enjoy a fun day in good company for a good cause. More information on the Teams 4U Website Hope to see YOU there.

Frances and Mary

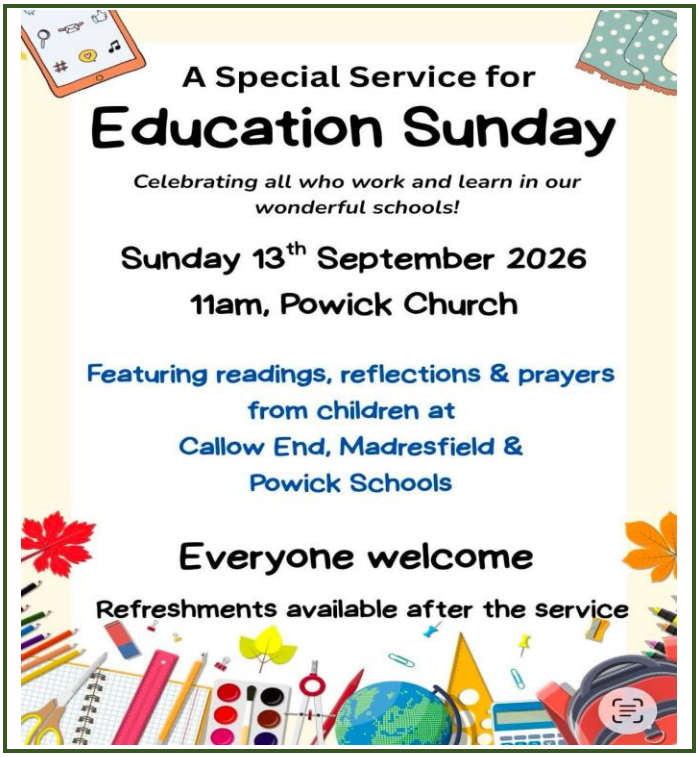
Soup Lunch at St James, Callow End

Our next **Soup Lunch** is on
Saturday 19th September, 12noon -2pm
Donations will be for our Lent charity

Further Soup Lunch date for your diary for 2026:
Saturday 28th November

ELGAR AT THE ASYLUM!

This remarkable new production invites audiences to encounter the music and legacy of Edward Elgar. Elgar at the Asylum is a promenade performance that moves between multiple spaces at Malvern Theatres: cinema, studio, and foyers, turning the whole building into an immersive experience. It draws on Elgar's early career as a young composer, when he was commissioned to write music for patients at the Worcester County Pauper and Lunatic Asylum, later known as Powick Hospital. This formative yet often overlooked chapter becomes the starting point for a bold and moving reimagining. Sat 26th and Sun 27th Sept – various performance times - £5.60. Book directly through Malvern Theatres.



PHIL'S FANTASTIC FUNDRAISING

I am thrilled to let you know that Phil Crammond completed the Sydney Marathon in Australia in 4hrs 37mins and has so far raised over £1100 for the St Peter's Unlocked project - this will hopefully support our fundraising to undertake urgent repairs to the south transept roof as the first phase of our reordering aspirations. There is still time to donate to this specific fundraising - and running a marathon is not the only way you can help with our plans! There are talks and concerts to support and maybe you can think of other ideas to help? In the meantime, hearty congratulations and thanks to Phil for all his efforts and this amazing gesture and personal achievement. If you would like to donate to Phil's marathon, please use this link: **https://www.gofundme.com/.../phil-running-the.../cl/s...**
Rev Gary

Tuesdays @ 6pm
Deanery Prayers for Peace via Zoom
*These prayer meetings will re-commence on **Tuesday 8th September**. Please note the new Zoom link:*
us05web.zoom.us

SAFEGUARDING: We are all responsible for protecting ourselves and others from abuse, harm, or neglect, especially our children, young people, and vulnerable adults, and report safeguarding concerns. If you have any concerns or questions, then please contact Gary (01905 8303270) or Sheila (07912 030805).

ZOOM ACCESS CODES

Codes and access numbers for ALL Old Hills Malvern Meetings and Services 2026:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86594255282?pwd=UkZ2cytyMUd2OWN2Sy8yZndoMS8rZz09